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USAID/East Africa is pleased to inform you that the U.S. Government through the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Development Partners (ODP) has issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for its 2011 Developments Grants Program (DGP) in line with Agency priorities and initiatives, *utilizing new partners*.

The purpose of the DGP is to create new partnerships between USAID and NGOs that have had limited or no prior funding from and experience working directly with USAID. A key goal of the DGP is to expand USAID's NGO network of development partners and provide capacity building support to the new partners. In doing so, USAID will enable a wider range of partners to better meet their constituents' needs and contribute to development outcomes.

The RFA encourages applicants to propose effective, innovative approaches that contribute to the achievement of development objectives in targeted sectors. The USAID Mission to East Africa is accepting applications in <u>two</u> of these sectors: **water** and **climate change adaptation**. Please refer to the mission-specific guidelines in Attachment 01 for more information on the types of activities USAID/East Africa would like to support. Awards funded under this RFA will support activities for a **period of performance of up to five (5) years.** Information is available at <u>www.grants.gov</u>.

Interested parties can locate the RFA at:

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You can also search www.grants.gov by the keyword "DGP" to find the announcement and other supporting documents.

Submission Instructions

Please note submissions of concepts papers are due no later than 5:00pm on **April 25, 2011** and sent to <u>DGP-3Eastafrica@usaid.gov</u> and a copy to <u>DGP3@usaid.gov</u>.

The RFA gives details on the requirements for a concept paper (see pages 31-35).

Email submissions must include in the following in the subject line: "Concept paper for DGP-3, submitted to USAID/East Africa by: [name of Applicant organization]."

If hand-carried, overnight, or via courier:

Attn: DGP Committee USAID/East Africa/REGI PO Box 629 Village Market 00621 Nairobi, Kenya

Fax: Faxed concept papers will not be accepted.

Thank you and best regards.

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